

THE TRIBUNE.

The Grounds on which Polk is Supported.

LETTER FROM GEN. JAMES HAMILTON.

Orange Bend, N.Y., July 8, 1844.

Gentlemen.—The mail of yesterday brought me your kind invitation to attend a mass meeting of the Democracy of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi, on the 11th instant, at McDowell's Mills, Madison county.

Having retired from the strife of party politics, nothing but the vital importance of the Annexation Question has induced me to take the small interest in the present struggle.

As, however, the defeat or election of Messrs. Polk and Dallas cannot but have a controlling influence on the final solution of this question, and I believe, on others of eminent value to the best interests in the country, I have no hesitation to declare that, in common with yourselves, I will cordially support the Democratic nomination made at Baltimore, both by my vote and opinions, however valueless they may be.

With the highest personal esteem for Mr. Clay, and a warm admiration of his genius and ability, I must confess, three months since, I would have been willing for one, that the South should have acquiesced in his election, although our interpretations of the Constitution are very much at variance, trusting to those generous impulses, under the influence of which the Missouri and Tariff compromises were consummated, and under a belief that he would see, in a majority as we are, should have fair play in reference to our great domestic question; but he has come out so strongly in advance against our interests, and, I believe, against the best interests of the whole Union, on the side of the Anti-Slavery Disunions, that it leaves no man, who entertains the opinions I do of the public policy of the country, any other alternative but to vote against him.

I cannot but deeply regret the fatal mistake this gentleman has committed, for even if he is elected, his administration must break down under a most disastrous excitement throughout the whole country, in less than two years, in the face of the heavy current of public opinion, which will be setting in favor of the measure, to which I have referred, vastly augmented by the known fact of his being principally responsible for its defeat, on grounds at variance with an enlightened and humane policy. In one word, he has played a strong hand against his own section of the Union, on behalf of the most dangerous, atrocious party, that has ever risen up in our country—our frantic Abolitionists, who are in close affiliation with the still more frantic Abolitionists of Great Britain.

With these feelings and opinions, gentlemen, I should have been happy, if circumstances had permitted me, to have been with you; as it is, I must in conclusion unite my wishes to what, I am sure, must be yours, that that liberty and happiness which it was the consecrated object of our Union to protect and render eternal, may be preserved by the struggle in which we are engaged, and in which, if victory bring renown, defeat will entail no dishonor.

Remaining, gentlemen, with much esteem, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HAMILTON,
Genl. J. C. Thompson and C. C. Clay, Jr. Cor. Secy. of the
Democratic Association of Madison Co.

* * * * * The Stick that Broke Van Buren's Head—South Carolina Toads.

AT THREE MILLS CREEK, BARNWELL DISTRICT.

By C. C. HAY.—The re-Annexation of Texas to the United States—We will obtain it peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must.

By Jos. W. DUNCAN.—A just reduction of the Tariff.

The noise of Abolition seems silent—Texas or Disunion, and such legislation as will in future secure the homestead of every family—Polk and Dallas our Presidents.

AT WATERDORF.

"Annexation"—The great measure of deliverance and liberty to the South: with it are we Unionists, without it we are Disunions, though the fate of traitors be our doom.—[Nine times nine cheers.]

"Southern Rights"—Our Northern and Eastern brethren, (brethren we call them under the Constitution, but in no other relation,) we say to them in plain phrase, Texas shall be annexed to the Union; the Tariff shall be reduced to the Revenue standard; and they shall cease to annoy us on the subject of Slavery; or we will hold them, as we hold the rest of the world, "Enemies in war, in peace friends."—[Nine times nine cheers.]

By S. SAMSON.—The spirit of the times abounds in the South, that it may become necessary, to long, to apply to the Abolitionist's and Fanatics of the North, the language of that immortal paper, read to you this day, "That when any form of Government becomes destructive, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and acquiesce in the necessity which compels our separation, and hold them as we hold the rest of the world, enemies in war, in peace friends."

AT ORANGEBURG.

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In the ship *Diamond*, from Liverpool—Mr. Levin F. Coleman, James Maud, the Misses Wilkinson, and 29 in the crew.

In the barque *Douglas*, from Gibraltar—E. Cambreleng, J. Wilts, and Master P. Brookes.

Passengers Sailed.

In the packet ship *Principe Albert*, for Liverpool—Richard Williamson and Lady, Richard Williamson, Mrs. Emma Shreve, Dr. Knobell, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Eastman, Capt. John Eastman, Capt. John Eastman, Mrs. Cowden, Mrs. Nash & Walsh, Acting Daggett, Hobbs, Dunn & Dimon; George Yates, Captain Hopkins, Philadelphia.

Schors Adams, Jr., Harrington, St. Johns, N.Y., T. C. Jones, New York, and J. R. Gage, Francis, Jr., New York, N.Y., and J. P. Clark, Co., Page, Taylor, Boston.

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